

# Transportation Funding Task Force Proposal





# Transportation Funding Task Force Origins

- Stakeholder input
- Longstanding structural challenges
- Bridge and Sidewalk Audits
- Insights from Move Seattle Levy Oversight Committee
- Input from Councilmembers (Resolution 32137)

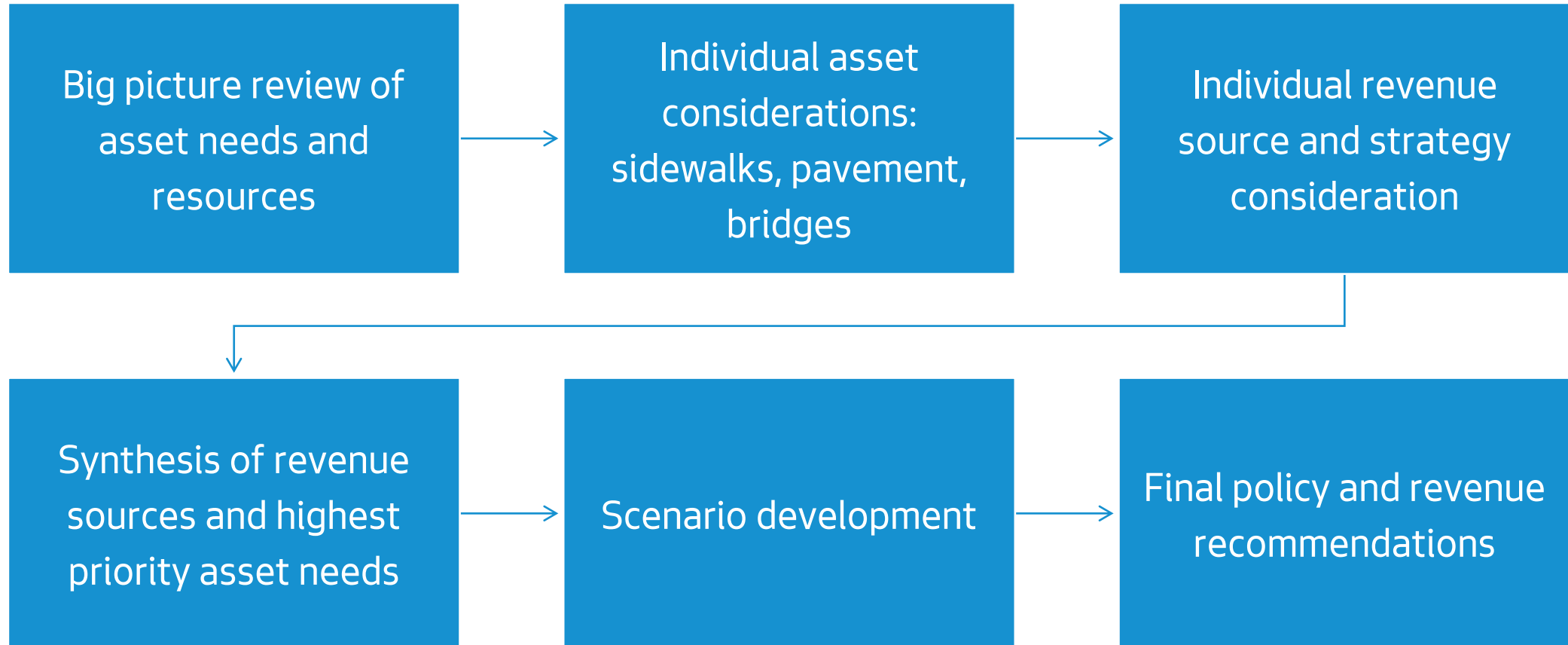


# Task Force Scope



- Review contextual and background materials to inform recommendations (Audits, asset management approach, etc.)
- Assess SDOT's current funding sources and ability to sustain transportation operations, maintenance and preservation
- Explore delivery strategies to improve the condition of Seattle's transportation assets
- Explore funding strategies that could allow the City to more sustainably meet long-term infrastructure goals
- Recommend funding and policy strategies to the Mayor and City Council

# Significant Ask of Task Force Members:



# Example Scope – Sidewalks

## Key Issue: Strategies to increase sidewalk repair

- Review current City sidewalk repair policies, Sidewalk Audit, asset management approach
- Explore potential new strategies (e.g. repair when you sell; city-resources to match repair and/or supplement for low-income households)
- Recommend funding and policy strategies

## Key Issue: Strategies to increase new sidewalk construction

- Grounded in STP commitments on new sidewalks
- Review City development and land use policies on who is required to build new sidewalks
- Explore strategies for how the City could build sidewalks more efficiently (e.g. bid limits, state regulations)
- Develop and review scenarios aligning revenue resources with the commitments
- Recommend funding and policy strategies



# Outcomes

## **Recommendations to the Mayor and City Council that:**

- Are actionable within a short timeframe
- Are practicable with a focus on existing revenue, policy and delivery strategies
- Pay particular attention to the transportation network's greatest needs including sidewalks, bridges and paving projects
- Consider the overall proportion of city funds dedicated to transportation

## **And ultimately result in:**

- Predictable, dedicated funding for SDOT's principal lines of business
- Broad consensus around a plan of action for the department and decision-makers to pursue for revenue, policy, and delivery strategies
- Infrastructure consistent with our expectations of a world-class city like Seattle

# Key Task and Membership Perspectives

- Transparently incorporate multiple community and technical perspectives
- Build consensus among stakeholders on policy and funding strategies
- Review and recommend funding strategies to address funding stabilization and asset management needs
- Provide updates to City Council and the Mayor at six-month intervals

## Examples of Representation

- Community organizations (neighborhoods without sidewalks; rely on bridges for access to services)
- Business perspectives
- Representatives from City Transportation Boards and Transportation Equity Workgroup
- Labor and Building Trades
- Development community - market rate and affordable housing developers
- Transportation and Accessibility advocates

## Technical support:

- External professional facilitation
- Expert consultant support re: bonding, finance, engineering and construction management
- Technical support from SDOT, SDCI, SPU, Law, FAS, City Finance and City Budget Office



# Schedule & Next Steps

- Finalize and transmit Mayor's proposed resolution
- Anticipated Council consideration in September
- Resolution activated upon approval of Levy by voters in November
- Q1 2025: consultation with Council and stakeholders on appointments
- Q2 2025: first Transportation Funding Task Force meeting called to order
- Updates to Mayor and City Council every six months; with final report to Mayor and City Council (2027 per Resolution 32137)





# Questions and Discussion